

REMARKS

Claims 57 – 71 stand rejected under § 102 as anticipated by Matthews. The Examiner noted that “claims 57 – 61 failed to include any limitations regarding the concurrent receipt of input from the local and remote keypads.” The Applicant has amended claim 57 to add the word “concurrently”.

Claims 62 – 71 stand rejected under § 103 as unpatentable over Baik and Wugofski. Baik teaches an extra set of keys referred to as “smart buttons” which can have either of two functions. First, they can be used to control a “smart shell” which launches program applications. Once a program is launched, the smart buttons have no function with respect to that application. Alternatively, the smart buttons can be used to control an audio/video control program.

However, Baik does not teach that the “smart buttons” can be used to control any one of a plurality of audio/video control programs. Claim 57, 62, and 67 have been amended to add a limitation that a user selects from among a plurality of audio/video control application programs one of the audio/video control application programs and that program receives subsequent key event data from the remote keypad. Nothing like this is suggested by any of the prior art references in this case.

Allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, payment for those fees has been enclosed in the form of a check. Should further payment be required to cover such fees you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

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